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Dear Examiner Bowman:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 26, 2010, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The shortened statutory period for filing a response is set to expire on April 26, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: